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District Library at Salem

* 2046 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the District Library at Salem has been sealed by the District Educational Officer, Salem;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the steps taken to reopen it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM.—(*a*) to (*c*): Under the provisions of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948, the responsibility for maintaining the District Central Library at Salem vests in the Local Library Authority, Salem. It has been reported that the reading room section of the District Central Library has been functioning continuously. But as a number of books and periodicals in the lending section of the library were found missing the working of that section was suspended for about a fortnight for the purpose of stock verification. The working of the lending section was resumed on 18—12—1960 after the completion of the stock verification.

* 2047 *Q.*—DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is postponed.

House-sites for Harijans

*** 2048 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN :** கனம் பொது மாராமத்து அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

1961-ம் வருஷம் ஆகஸ்ட் மாதம் 9-ம் தேதி Director of Harijan Welfare அவர்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட ஹரிஜன் வீட்டுமனை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட மனுவின்மீது என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது? விவரமென்ன?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The petition was forwarded by the Director of Harijan Welfare to the District Welfare Officer, North Arcot.

The facts are : The Government have issued a notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act and a declaration under section 6 of the Act for the acquisition of an extent of 3·28 acres of wet lands to provide house-sites to the Harijans of Sathampakkam village, Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district. The High Court has however stayed further action on a writ petition filed by the owner of the lands involved in the acquisition.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : ஸார், இது ஒரு பீடி முதலாளி. மஹாராஜா பீடி முதலாளிக்ச்கு சொந்தமாக இருப்பதன் காரணமாக, ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு வீடு கட்ட மனைக் கட்டுக்குக் கொடுப்பதற்குப் பதிலாக, பத்து வருஷகாலமாக . . . .

DEPUTY SPEAKER : When the matter is pending before the High Court, what is the use of the hon. Member putting a supplementary question on it? I disallow the question.